

Minutes of a Regular Board Meeting held by the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead held in the Town Hall, Riverhead, New York on Tuesday, November 21, 1989 at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Joseph F. Janoski, Supervisor
John Lombardi, Councilman
Louis Boschetti, Councilman
Robert Pike, Councilman
Denise Civiletti, Councilwoman

Also Present: Patricia Moore, Town Attorney
Irene J. Pendzick, Town Clerk

Supervisor Janoski called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Supervisor Janoski, "Reports."

REPORTS

MacAlbert Bank-Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the year 1988. Filed

Planning Board-Determines that subdivision of Alfred Averell an unlisted action and makes a negative declaration. Filed

OPEN BID REPORT - Roof Repair - Highway Barn. Filed

Bid Date: November 13, 1989
4 Bids Submitted

#1 **NAME:** Rideout Building
ADDRESS: Cutchogue, NY
TOTAL BID: \$11,800.00

#2 **NAME:** Turnbull & Cooper Contracting
ADDRESS: Westhampton Beach, NY
TOTAL BID: \$14,740.00

#3 **NAME:** North Fork Roofing, Inc.
ADDRESS: Mattituck, NY
TOTAL BID: \$17,700.00

#4 **NAME:** *Statewide Roofing, Inc.*
 ADDRESS: *Islip, NY*
 TOTAL BID: *\$22,875.00/\$30,875.00 alt. bid.*

OPEN BID REPORT - FOOD PRODUCTS - Nutrition Center. *Filed*

Bid Date: November 20, 1989
1 Bid Submitted

#1 NAME: Landmark Food Corp.
ADDRESS: Holtsville, NY
TOTAL BID: See file for items bid and amounts

Supervisor Janoski, "Thank you. Applications.

APPLICATIONS

Water District Ext.-Woodfield Meadows. Filed

Special Permit-Robert and Marie Andrews to erect a farmstand and sign on Sound Avenue, Wading River. Filed

Site Plan-Arthur Kretschmer to construct new retail stores
and restaurant on Route 25A, Wading River. Filed

Special Permit-Splish Splash at Adventure island, Inc. Route
25, Calverton. Filed

Supervisor Janoski, "Thank you. Correspondence."

CORRESPONDENCE

William C. Haugaard, 11/10/89-Asking that the site plan for Manor Associates relocate the building back to its original position on the site plan thus solving the current problems.

Pierre Lundberg, 11/15/89-Advising H2M that Grimes Contracting will not perform necessary work on Seawatch unless the Town has monies from developer. Filed

Baiting Hollow Cottage Condominium Homeowners, 11/12/89-Asking that approval of their water lateral be made prior to 11/21/89 meeting so that engineer may proceed with plans.

John H. Martin, Jr, 11/8/89-Asks for approval that 6-month, no funds extension be withdrawn and asks for approval of a one-year extension with additional funds of \$20,242 to expire on September 30, 1990. Filed

Town of Brookhaven, 11/9/89-Copy of Resolution #46, adopted on 11/9/89 authorizing acceptance of Incorporated Village of Pine Valley boundary change from Riverhead Fire District to Manorville Fire District. Filed

Dorothy Jermusyk, Rec. of Taxes-Asking that the Town Board carefully review her budget and reinstate items that were eliminated. Filed

Dump Fees-Letters of Opposition relating to the 100% increase in dump fees were received from 56 residents of the town. (see agenda for individual names) Filed

Supervisor Janoski, "We have, of course, a list of Unfinished Business and it's status and where it is in the process is clearly indicated on the agenda this evening. The scheduled time for the first public hearing has not yet arrived. So I will recognize anyone who wishes to be heard on any subject. Well, Joe."

Joseph Sykora, Riverhead, "I would like to know what is going on with the pumphouse down at the park. I know we had a new roof put on and there was some alterations supposed to be done. I wonder what is going on with it now."

Supervisor Janoski, "Well, I'm not aware that we had a new roof put on it."

Joseph Sykora, "We had a new slate roof put on it."

Supervisor Janoski, "We would like to have a new slate roof put on it but it has not yet been accomplished."

Joseph Sykora, "I thought it was. It looked like it to me."

Supervisor Janoski, "I hope it would be. What's going on now is nothing beyond our desire to replace the roof. In government terms, it has become very difficult to achieve but that is our desire; to replace that roof. Do you have some ideas as to what you would like see happen there?"

Joseph Sykora, "No, I just thought it was in the works and I was wondering what was going on."

Supervisor Janoski, "It is in the works. There's no question about that."

Joseph Sykora, "I was just wondering because I seen the people working on it. They put new plywood on the roof."

Supervisor Janoski, "That maybe true."

Joseph Sykora, "And I guess they put tar paper on the top of the plywood. That's why I thought it was the slate."

Supervisor Janoski, "Alice Graff is our resident pumphouse advocate and she keeps careful watch on it. She will make sure that we get it done eventually. It really has been difficult."

Joseph Sykora, "I was just wondering."

Supervisor Janoski, "Mr. Haizlip."

Steve Haizlip, Calverton, "During the lunch break, I'm reading in the paper about Mr. Lombardi making a statement that he was surprised that no one said anything about the dump fees. Well, as a matter of fact John, to be honest with you, like Dick Benedict said, you don't have the budget to go over. Just open it and you happen to glance at something and he glanced at a graphic computer guy. Well, if you recall and go back, all of you insert the probe in your memory. Two years ago when this thing went into effect, I was yelling about the dumping fee then not being a tax and that's what you said. And I think anyone on that Board will remember because I recall I spoke up very emphatic about it and I raised my voice a little which I usually don't do and tried to get it as a tax fee but it went down. So is the memory coming back?"

Supervisor Janoski, "Are you saying Steve, that you would rather have the cost of garbage disposal incorporated into the property taxes?"

Steve Haizlip, "Joe, that way like I advocated before. There you have got a right for a deduction. I have wrote to the Internal Revenue Service and they told me that a garbage fee is not deductible because it is a fee. But if it was a tax, then it is deductible. And I have advocated this two years ago and I think the memory is coming back. Now, also at the last meeting, I said I understand from reading in the papers that no elected appointed town officials is going to get any raise this year and you sort of shrugged your shoulders, wiggled your head and said that's right. Son of a gun. I almost get home and there comes an \$8,600 raise."

Supervisor Janoski, "I don't recall you saying appointed officials. Elected officials will not receive a raise."

Steve Haizlip, "I did say appointed officials. Get that tape out Irene."

Supervisor Janoski, "I'm not denying that but as far as elected officials, no."

Steve Haizlip, "I got it both ways, elected and appointed and I think there's people in this audience that heard me say that."

Supervisor Janoski, "I'm not disputing you Steve. Anybody who works for the Town of Riverhead outside the elected officials, are appointed. And I have to tell you right now that everyone appointed official is going to get a raise. Every one of them."

Steve Haizlip, "At the last one you said no."

Supervisor Janoski, "I'm sorry that I misunderstood you but what I heard was elected officials and elected officials are not going to get a raise."

Steve Haizlip, "Well I guess Irene will have to get the tape out to prove my point."

Supervisor Janoski, "I'm not disputing what you said Steve. I'm just answering the question that I heard."

Steve Haizlip, "The last and third thing if we've got time, the constitution of this country was set up so that everybody could get a fair hearing or trial, whatever the case may be. But the Constitution of the State of New York is not set up that way. Now, especially the Department of Motor Vehicle Bureau. The Department of Motor Vehicle Bureau, you turn out to be guilty whether you are or not and as far as they are concerned, if an insurance company turns in a report on you, it's lily white and the gospel truth even though some girl had a good time the night before and was real elated and she typed in the wrong stuff. You're still guilty. I just want to let you know that too."

Supervisor Janoski, "Bill."

Bill Nohejl, Aquebogue, "We probably pay homage to the flag at every meeting but we honor it here but we dishonor it when it's out on the flagpole. The flag at Stotsky Park has been out for one month. No light. We are paying people in this town government to take care of our needs. I own that flag. Everyone else in the Town of Riverhead own that flag. It's a terrible disgrace what's going on. The one down in South Jamesport, the same thing. You say there's a light there. There is no light."

Supervisor Janoski, "Bill, did you call anybody in the Highway Department?"

Bill Nohejl, "Your right hand lady knows about it. Lawyer Jackson knew about it a month ago."

Supervisor Janoski, "We don't change light bulbs. The Highway Department does."

Bill Nohejl, "No. But he referred it to the proper authority and it had not been taken care of. If that flag is up there tomorrow night, I will personally take it down. It's my flag just as well as anybody else's and bring it in to you. It's either lighted up or take it down."

Supervisor Janoski, "Bill, you can do whatever you feel that your rights are and we will do our best to get those light bulbs replaced."

Bill Nohejl, "But for one month and South Jamesport has never had a light. Like the municipal garage. Remember I took that flag down twice before you kept it down. Why do we pay homage here and disrespect it otherwise?"

Supervisor Janoski, "Well, I am not personally aware that the lights are out at those locations that you mentioned and we will do our best to get those lights turned back on."

Bill Nohejl, "What do you call best Joe?"

Supervisor Janoski, "Our best will that I will get in touch with the Highway Department tomorrow and see if we can't get Larry Taylor to do whatever is necessary, whether it's a burned out bulb or whatever to get it fixed."

Bill Nohejl, "What about South Jamesport?"

Supervisor Janoski, "Is there a light fixture there?"

Bill Nohejl, "There's no light on it. I don't know if there's a light fixture."

Supervisor Janoski, "If there is no light fixture, the flag should not be up at night. If there is one, we will get it repaired."

Bill Nohejl, "That's right. Please."

Supervisor Janoski, "Well, that very nicely takes up the time. If there is anybody who wishes to address the Board later, we will take care of that. But let the record show that the hour of 7:46 p.m. has arrived. The Town Clerk will please read the notice of hearing."

PUBLIC HEARING - 7:45 P.M.

I have affidavits of publishing and posting for a public hearing to be held at Riverhead Town Hall on Tuesday, November 21, 1989 at 7:45 p.m. to hear all interested persons who wish to

be heard regarding: **Change of Zone for Tarra Associates from Agricultural "A" to Residence "C", Doctors Path.**

Supervisor Janoski, "Is there anyone here representing the applicant?"

Irene Pendzick, "The applicant withdrew the application."

Supervisor Janoski, "That explains it. The application has been withdrawn."

Irene Pendzick, "But the owner of the tract of land asked that it be heard."

Supervisor Janoski, "Pete."

Pierre Lundberg, Esq., "I represent the owner of the land. What I ascertained after this public hearing was scheduled, that the applicant was withdrawing because he lost his contract. I wrote to the Board saying that the owner would like to continue the application and if there was anything I needed to do to substitute for it, please let me know. I've never heard from anybody. The Planning Board has for the second time recommended that this land be rezoned to Residence "C" and everything around it is Residence "C". It's nothing but woods. You can't farm there if you wanted to and it's the logical way that piece of property is going to go. So on behalf of the owner, Mrs. Olsen, we ask that the land be rezoned."

Supervisor Janoski, "Pete, why don't you just give everyone an overview of where that property is located, what it's present zoning is and what the application is all about."

Pierre Lundberg, "It is presently zoned Agricultural "A". It's almost a landlocked piece of property. Twelve point eight acres that was owned by John D. Hallock who for many years, was a leading lawyer in this community. I think he was the head of the Historical Society, had his office on Roanoke Avenue, lived up in Roanoke Heights. This property has descended to his daughter, Ann Olsen. Tarra Associates present development is all around it. There is another development off Doctor's Path that backs up on to it. It is entirely residential all the way around. So that is the basis that it was going to be acquired by Tarra but I don't know who dropped the ball or what. We found in September after the contract had been cancelled, that Mr. Sinclair had actually filed in April this application. But that's something between Mrs. Olsen and Sinclair. But the land and as I say, the Planning Board recommended to you in 1985 on its own that this and other lands be rezoned."

Supervisor Janoski, "Thank you Pete. Is there anyone present wishing to address the Town Board on the matter of this change of zone from Ag. "A" to Residential "C"?"

John Karl, Riverhead, "I own the property just to the east of the Tarra Development and Mrs. Olsen's property. And presently I have that Residential "C". It would be a great access to go through Mrs. Olsen's property and Tarra's property. So it would be to the town's advantage to have it all subdivided to Residential "C". That's all I have to say."

Supervisor Janoski, "Is there anyone else present wishing to address the Board on the matter of this change of zone? That being the case and without objection, I declare the hearing to be closed. Let the record show that the hour of 7:51 p.m. has arrived. The Town Clerk will please read the notice of public hearing."

7:45 PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED AT 7:51

PUBLIC HEARING - 7:45 p.m.

I have affidavits of publishing and posting for a public hearing to be held at Riverhead Town Hall on Tuesday, November 21, 1989 at 7:45 p.m. to hear all interested persons who wish to be heard regarding: **Increase and Improvements to the Parking District/Griffing and Roanoke Avenue.**

Supervisor Janoski, "Is there anyone here representing Howard Young, the Parking District? Briefly, this is a project which is the improvement of the parking lot between Roanoke Avenue and Griffing Avenue, resurfacing, lighting, landscaping, placing of islands, restriping, demolition of the former ambulance garage (that metal blue ambulance garage at that location). It is a project which would be borne solely by the business properties within the parking district in the downtown area. I don't recall the cost of it at the present time."

Irene Pendzick, "Two hundred and fifty thousand dollars."

Supervisor Janoski, "Two hundred and fifty thousand dollars. But again and very importantly, not a general town expense but that which is borne by the business community. Is there anyone who wishes to address the question of that improvement in the downtown area? Steve."

Steve Haizlip, Calverton, "The only question that I have regarding this, if I recall back, I think we had a parking lot that failed and there was some argument about the guy coming back in and doing it over and when he's going to do it over."

Supervisor Janoski, "It's all been done."

Steve Haizlip, "Now, it leads up to the present question I'm asking. Since the merchants and so forth paid for it and it's got to be approved by the Town Board, where does the inspection and monitoring come from? Does that come from here or does that come from the merchants to see that we get a good quality job?"

Supervisor Janoski, "The inspection is the responsibility of the consulting engineers that are in charge of that particular project. And quite frankly, with the project that you raised, the inspection left a great deal to be desired in many respects. However, there is a different firm that has designed and will be in charge of this project; namely Howard Young who of course is a Riverhead firm and have a stake in the community and I believe that they will do a superior jobs as far as making sure that what is done is done properly."

Steve Haizlip, "Okay. Now this engineer that you're speaking of, he's not a firm engineer and he comes unbiased. In other words, he has no interest except to see that a quality job is done."

Supervisor Janoski, "The inspector in that job which you raise which was the First Street parking lot was fired by the company after the construction job. So there was no recourse there but the job there was completed. I believe it has been done satisfactorily. At least to my eyes it has been. We do have a different firm doing this and as I say, it's Howie Young who designed that particular parking lot and we have every hope that the inspections will make sure that the performance of the construction.... And as memory serves, it was a local firm that has won the contract bid to do the job, a Riverhead firm. So that we have Riverhead people working for the town and that's a better set of circumstances."

Steve Haizlip, "Well in closing Joe, I've got to tell you something. I've been a QC man now for 30 years and you go back to the sewer days. Not getting away from this but I'm sort of bringing up what can happen. You go back to the sewer days, you know you can get people and say that inspection meets it and you've got to buy it and so forth. Well, if the guy is conned into it and he don't do it, he might get fired. And if he does do it, he gets fired and he becomes the fall guy. So I hope we get a good inspector."

Supervisor Janoski, "Me too. Is there anyone else wishing to address the Town Board on the question of the parking lot project? That being the case and without objection, I declare the hearing to be closed."

7:45 PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED AT 7:55

Supervisor Janoski, "Let the record show that the hour of 7:56 p.m. has arrived. The Town Clerk will please read the notice of public hearing."

PUBLIC HEARING - 7:55 p.m.

I have affidavits of publishing and posting for a public hearing to be held at Riverhead Town Hall on Tuesday, November 21, 1989 at 7:55 p.m. to hear all interested persons who wish too

be heard regarding: **Construction of a Lateral Water Main at the Bluffs, Phase II.**

(See Water District Minutes)

7:55 PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED AT 7:58

Supervisor Janoski, "Our next scheduled public hearing is at 8:05 p.m. Is there anyone present wishing to address the Town Board on any matter, anything on the agenda, anything at all? Cathy?"

Cathy Casey, Wading River, "I just wish to take a few minutes of your time to draw to your attention if you are not already aware, that once again we have a request for a zoning change in the Wading River Town, Brookhaven side where they want to change a Residential "A" to N-for Nancy, HH-for Harry which is adult home. It's approximately a three acre parcel. It is 500 feet west of Gateway Drive on the north side. Wading River, Brookhaven side, to my knowledge, that whole corridor is currently zoned residential. We would like it to remain that way. We have been through this approximately five or six years ago when somebody else requested a zoning change for the purpose of building an antique store. We are in the process of communicating with the Town of Brookhaven. I'm taking this opportunity to praise you and on behalf of the Civic Association, we would appreciate any and all support that you might be able to lend to us to facilitate the Town of Brookhaven declining the application because we do not want residentially zoned areas changed. And that's all I wanted to say. I thank you and have a nice Thanksgiving to you all."

Supervisor Janoski, "Thank you Cathy and the same to you. Mr. McKnight."

Warren McKnight, Wading River, "I heard that December 11th there's a special hearing by Mr. Sawicki which all the Town Boards were invited to at the County Legislature on December 11th at 9:30 a.m."

Supervisor Janoski, "I have heard that Warren. I really have not seen any invitation."

Warren McKnight, "I spoke to Mr. Sawicki. It's supposed to be about the landfill."

Supervisor Janoski, "Well you know Warren, God Bless you because I've been wanting to say this since I heard it but continue."

Warren McKnight, "Well, I was just inquiring who was going and what was happening and supposedly Tax Pac is supposed to be there, various Town Board members from various towns and what have you. So I just wanted to know, since you didn't know anything about it, I thought maybe we could find out."

Supervisor Janoski, "Well, I've heard about it. And as I said, I haven't seen an invitation but quite frankly, I've yet to go through my packet of invitations since after the election. But you give me the opportunity to say a couple of things here. One is that several years ago, I am the chairman of the Supervisors of Suffolk County. And I, as chairman, along with the Supervisors, invited the State Legislators representing Suffolk County to a meeting which took place in the Town of Southold with the purpose of trying to discuss the solid waste problem. The reaction of the State Legislatures at that time was that we are not going to do anything. We've passed a law and we're not going to do anything. This year, once again as chairman of the Supervisors, I invited the State Legislators of Suffolk County to a meeting which took place in Babylon. Three of them chose to show up to meet with the ten town Supervisors. Two Assembly people and one Senator. And our problem was the tremendous cost that is resulting from this law, the burden that's being placed on the taxpayers. Three legislators showed up. And my initial reaction is, they didn't come to talk to us but now they're running for reelection and they see that there is a problem and maybe we shouldn't go to them. But I'll be there and I hope that all the town governments will be there to try to solve or see what they have in mind. But we reached out to them. We're the people who deal with this problem; the towns of Suffolk County. They passed the laws and they walked away from it. They didn't provide any financial assistance. They didn't provide any technical assistance. They didn't indicate what were the options as far as what should be done with solid waste. They left the towns to struggle with that problem and the increasing burden of what is happening with garbage disposal, solid waste disposal; you know I'm getting a little tired of State Legislators passing laws and walking away from the problem. Not only with that but just about everything they do. They pass exemptions for property taxes and allow the town to deal with how we're going to do with that financially. They pass all sorts of legislation which, we did this wonderful thing. We protected the groundwater. We provided senior exemptions. We provided veterans exemptions. But they leave the towns to deal with the financial consequences and I'm tired of it. And I hope that every town in Suffolk County is tired of it and that's the message that I'm going to bring and I'm going to be there Warren if that's your question. You bet I'm going to be there."

Warren McKnight, "The next thing I want to see is Riverhead, from what I believe, we have the lowest mean income per person in the county. Is it economically feasible for the people who own property in Riverhead who don't make that much money income, can we support or pay for this ourselves because it's coming out of our pocket?"

Supervisor Janoski, "Are you talking about solid waste?"

Warren McKnight, "I'm talking about closing the landfill and having it shipped. Can we afford it in our property taxes?"

Supervisor Janoski, "In Riverhead, it's going to be an excessive burden because we're talking about millions of dollars to close and cap the landfill. There is a portion of money which will be available from the quarter percent sales tax legislation that was passed by the county. That will meet a small portion, really a fraction of it. But Riverhead, you're right, is absolutely one of the least able towns to meet the financial consequences of the legislation. I don't have an accurate estimate but it is millions. And as far as disposing of solid waste, the cost of garbage disposal, solid waste disposal is going to escalate very rapidly as we reach 1991. And those are the arguments that I have with State Legislators and County Legislators and the county government because it is the level of government least able to handle the particular question here that it has been thrust upon. So you're right Warren. It's going to mean a lot of money to the Town of Riverhead and an amount of money that we are not able really to come up with."

Warren McKnight, "You are Mr. LaValle's aide and I've seen Mr. LaValle coming here many times. Is it possible..... I think it's really late but is it possible Mr. Sawicki, Mr. LaValle and the Town Board can get together and agree that it's going to be an extreme burden on people with fixed income."

Supervisor Janoski, "Well, I think the State Legislators are awakening to that fact. That the tax burden which is going to result from legislation passed by New York State and not that it's not well intentioned because its goal was to protect groundwater. It was to abandon the idea of landfilling in order to protect groundwater but they never really stopped to consider the consequences to the taxpayers. They didn't take into consideration (and this is a fact) that they anticipated resource recovery. The burning of garbage. They never took into account what we would do with the ash and I don't know if you remember that ashfill situation. But I think they're awakening to it now and it's a little late. I wish they would have listened to town governments and town supervisors who were trying to point this out to them on two other occasions. One in which they sat there and absolutely said we have passed this and we are not going to back off it. As a matter of fact at that time, Mr. Halpin was an assemblyman and he was one of the people who I remember very vividly saying we are not going to change the law at all. Maybe they will change it now. I don't know if that's good or bad. But I wish they would have provided some help. Technical, what should we do with the garbage and financial would have been nice."

Warren McKnight, "Basically we're going to have to wait and see. Yes Mr. Pike."

Councilman Pike, "I just wanted to answer one question. During the contract negotiations you saw how much fun those were."

I had to do an enormous amount of research about the capacity of the citizens of the Town of Riverhead to pay for things. And not only are we the least affluent of the towns on a per capita basis of all the towns in the county, but we are not the most frugal of the towns too. We also pay a fair amount for our public servants, for our police. You may have heard that they have one of the best contracts in the county. We were arguing over hundreds of thousands of dollars and very vehemently arguing about it as to whether we could afford it or not. You saw this Town Board I think, try to hammer out a budget this year that was probably difficult to get. But I can guarantee you that next year and the ones that follow that will be something of a horror story. Let me just do some simple math for you. I know of no alternative to any of the ones we are talking about as far landfilling, recycling, composting, burning or (say occasionally) catapulting over into the ocean that costs less than \$70 per ton. There's not a one that costs less than that. We have roughly a hundred tons a day coming into the landfill. That's \$7,000 a day. It's seven days a week. That's \$49,000 a week. At 50 weeks, that's two and a half billion dollars. If we can find something as inexpensive as \$70 a ton. And I convinced that we can do that. The fact that in 393 days from today, that landfill closes. And whether we agree to it or we're under court order, I'm not going to pray for a miracle. No, I will pray for a miracle but I'm not going to count on it. That landfill is going to close in that time period. You're talking about a minimum doubling again of the cost that we're anticipating in this year of running the landfill. Think about it. That's \$50,000 a week if we could get it that cheap; \$70 a week. We, in the CSEA fact finding hearing, introduced an exhibit that talked about tax bite which combines how much they pay with how much they earn. And in most towns, the tax bite is somewhere one and a half and two and a half percent of people's income. In this town it's over four and it's higher by a full percentage point than any other town in the County of Suffolk. We, therefore, are the least able of any of the towns in the County of Suffolk to afford it. And if I had a simple answer for you, it would be nothing. We can't afford it."

Warren McKnight, "Okay. It seems the federal mandates, the state mandates filtered down to the property owners. I know Mr. Hochbrueckner has his office across the street. Has anybody spoken to Mr. Hochbrueckner and said something about the canal which is important, the Shinnecock Canal with the inlet. They passed these federal mandates to the state and the state says to the.... Like with the Board of Education or in this case, with the landfill. You have to do it. It's mandated by the state like this. They just don't realize. Maybe people from the Town Board can speak to these elected officials. I'm talking about State Senators and the Congressmen and say; Riverhead is poor. And maybe you can bring these things and ask these gentlemen whether they're democrats or republicans, treat us.... Let's get in the two and a half percent bracket. Not the four percent to six percent."

Councilman Pike, "Your use of the Shinnecock Canal analogy is a good one. I can almost guarantee you that until the town runs aground in the canal, that they won't listen because everybody can make this case. Everybody has got the same problem. This is a national problem. It's a little bit more acute here because of the impending deadline in the landfill law but this town has both the burden of its relative lack of affluence and also a certain amount of potential because of that, because we're going to get hit the hardest when it kicks it. But I think I've seen enough about practical politics to know there wasn't a possibility of getting that funding for the Shinnecock Canal until people died with their boats hitting bottom in the canal. And I suspect that that same political sad tragic political reality will be the reality of this town 393 days from today."

Warren McKnight, "Thank you."

Councilwoman Civiletti, "Can I.... I would like to add one thing. Just one thing and I will be brief. And that is that the tremendous burden of disposing of our garbage is not something that is unique to this town or Long Island or the State. It's something that's facing every community throughout the country. And until we, as consumers and residents and citizens of the world start paying closer attention to our habits and start changing our habits so that we're a lot less wasteful than we are today, we're going to suffocate under our own garbage. We're something like 5% or 10% of the population of the world, we produce half the world's waste. So I think that's something we all have to start thinking about and that's been a message I've been preaching. We just can't keep using paper goods and throwing out things and not buying recycled products and keep complaining it cost too much. We have to start paying attention to how things are packaged. Start boycotting consumer goods that contain excessive packaging. Write to the manufacturers and let them know why you're not buying their products any more. It may be excessive packaging at the supermarket. Bring the bags back to reuse bags. We have to start paying attention to that too."

Warren McKnight, "For that you need a lobby and the only strong lobbies are the people who make the plastics and the stuff and we have no lobby."

Councilwoman Civiletti, "We are a lobby and we have to start changing our collective conscientiousness about it."

Warren McKnight, "I guess when this crisis hits we'll have to."

Supervisor Janoski, "You know, I'm almost reluctant to say this but I'm going to say it. Ask Mr. Sawicki where he was when the ten supervisors representing more than a million people in Suffolk County asked him to come to a meeting to discuss this very problem and the costs associated that our taxpayers were facing. I think that's a valid question for him. Mr. Sweeney,

Mr. Cochran and Senator LaValle were the only three State Legislators who came to that meeting to meet with ten Town Supervisors representing more than a million people and that's the end of what I have to say."

Warren McKnight, "Well, I can't ask him too many things because... I asked him a lot of things already. Thank you very much."

Councilwoman Civiletti, "You're running for Assembly this year?"

Supervisor Janoski, "No I'm not but you know those kind of things really aggravate me. Is there anyone else? Yes Alice."

Alice Graff, Riverhead, "In relation to the budget and being able to ask questions about it as you were hesitant. Why wasn't anyone asking? When can we get a hold of or a copy of the budget other than the night of the hearing?"

Supervisor Janoski, "The budget has been available for some time."

Alice Graff, "But how do we... Like myself, I never heard any word that we as people, could have a copy of it until that night."

Supervisor Janoski, "I don't know what we can do to better inform people but once the preliminary budget is completed by the Town Board and it is printed, it is certainly available to anyone who wishes to inspect it. There are a number of copies of the budget around but there is always one on file in the Town Clerk's office. Pardon me."

Councilman Pike, "Was there a notice in the paper?"

Supervisor Janoski, "Yes, there was a notice in the paper."

Councilman Pike, "Part of the reason that publicity about a month ago when we were talking about different alternatives for the budget, was that we had a deadline to get it filed at the Town Clerk's office on the Thursday of the week were you saw those rash of stories. So of that Thursday which was about three weeks ago and now four weeks ago."

Alice Graff, "But where the budget is that thick, you're certainly not going to sit at the Town Clerk's office with a copy of that. So I wondered when we could have a copy to take home and go through it. That's my question."

Councilwoman Civiletti, "Have a lending library of the budgets."

Supervisor Janoski, "There are a number of copies of the budget available. If somebody wanted to, we would make our best effort to let them have a copy of it but Alice, the budget of the Town of Riverhead for 1990 was passed yesterday."

Alice Graff, "I realize that but I'm talking about the future so that we'd know for next year."

Supervisor Janoski, "As I say, the Town Board has a schedule under law to meet as far as the budget that the Supervisor proposes and the preliminary budget which the Town Board proposes and one that has to be adopted which is November 20th. And as of about three weeks ago, the Town Board completed its deliberations over the budget and then it is printed. There were stacks of copies of it around. And while our effort is to make copies available as far as the Town Clerk's office, if someone wanted to take it home, I would loan you my copy."

Alice Graff, "So after a notice is in the papers, in other words, we could go and (hopefully) get a copy to take home."

Supervisor Janoski, "That is not generally true because to provide 23,000 copies or whatever for the Town of Riverhead."

Alice Graff, "I'm sure it wouldn't be more than about ten people. But on the other hand, it is a possibility."

Supervisor Janoski, "If it were ten people, I think we could accommodate them."

Alice Graff, "Thank you."

Supervisor Janoski, "Well, is there anyone else before we swing into... Mr. Olsen is part of this Town Board meeting. Well, it is Mr. Olsen who is representing Malcolm Pirnie. Let the record show that the hour of 8:17 p.m. has arrived. The Town Clerk will please read the notice of public hearing. Mr. Olsen is representing Malcolm Pirnie. Sewer District Extension number 39."

PUBLIC HEARING - 8:05 p.m.

I have affidavits of publishing and posting of a public hearing to be held at Riverhead Town Hall on Tuesday, November 21, 1989 at 8:05 p.m. to hear all interested persons who wish to be heard regarding: **Petition of William Hubbard and Cross River Development to extend the Sewer District to service 296 condominium units on the west side of Cross River Drive.**

(See Sewer District Minutes)

8:05 PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED AT 8:23

Supervisor Janoski, "Is there any comment or any question on concerning anything on the agenda before we take up the resolutions? Well, let's take up the resolutions."

Resolutions #763-#785 found on pages 1310-1367 of the 1989 Resolution Book.

#776 DESIGNATES AIDS AWARENESS WEEK

Councilwoman Civiletti, "This is something of great personal importance to everybody in this town whether or not we're all aware of it yet. Especially because this is a disease that is beginning to spread like wild fire among young people. It's estimated at, HIV positive infections, 1 in 100 young people who are sexually active and it's something that's killing a generation. For that reason, I thought it important to bring it to public attention and to ask the Board of Education to step up its efforts to make aids education a regular part of the curriculum in the public schools. That is also something that has been state mandated, Joe, and it's something (apparently) the school is working on. And so, we ask that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Superintendent of Schools as well. That being said, I move 776."

Supervisor Janoski, "Mr. Haizlip, any last words? Yes."

Florence Sykora, Riverhead, "I just wanted to say the same thing as Steve and agree with him what he had said. He said appointed officials and elected officials given the raise and that's what was said."

Supervisor Janoski, "I'm not disputing that at all Florence. What I'm saying is what I responded to and what I heard which was elected officials, certainly anyone who is around, knows we do have contracts with appointed officials; PBA, CSEA and that everyone of them is getting a raise."

Florence Sykora, "I wish I could get a raise like that."

Supervisor Janoski, "I wish I could too."

Florence Sykora, "Another thing I would like to say too. We were talking about the waste thing. It comes down to the government being the fairant. From there, they are hands off, goes to the state and tell the state you take it over and see what you can do about it. So from the state it goes down to the county, see what you can do about it and that's where it is. And the people, if they're foolish enough to sit on the sidelines and take this and not do anything about it, they're going to have to pay for it for the rest of their lives and our children and our grandchildren."

Supervisor Janoski, "They say that the retention of the average citizens is very short but my is not. I remember suing the State of New York over the issue of solid waste in conjunction with the Town of Islip. I remember a number of meetings. I remember discussions and fights that went on and I remember discussions I had when I use to do a radio program warning people about what the cost was going to be as a result of the 1983 legislation. Nobody paid any attention to it. Now it's coming. Now the cost is rising and people are starting to react. And what I said was perhaps this focusing should have taken place some time ago when the towns which it was state to town, had to start dealing with this problem. Southold and I feel sorry for the Town of Southold, they are now at square one. They have expended a great deal of time, great deal of money and they're now back to zero. In all that time, the State of New York would not tell them that what they were doing was correct. They never got official approval. The State of New York said try what ever you want to. Try it, try it out. And even when that item was voted on in the Town of Southold, at that point in time the still didn't have official state approval for the composting idea that they had and that is no way to operate and that's what I am reacting to. The County of Suffolk has told the governments in Suffolk County that they must replace every underground tank, fuel tank. Now, do you as a citizen, know that? I know it because I've got to, at some point in time, finance the replacement of them. Whether there's a problem with them or not, they want these double lined fiberglass tanks and they don't care. And do you know that the State of New York has mandated education for handicapped children between the ages of 3 to 5 years old. Where's the money coming from for all this. They pass the laws and walk away from it and I'm a little angry about it because this group of people here must increase taxes as well as the School Board. And the average citizen doesn't want to know what we're doing or why we're doing it and I'm really getting little tired of State Legislators and county and whoever passing laws and sending out their little quarterly reports saying look what I did to protect the ground water and then not providing any assistance whatsoever. That's what I'm reacting to and I think the time has come that perhaps somebody else should be a little accountable for what goes on and what we have to do."

Florence Sykora, "Well, it's the same way as I've heard that with the paper recycling. There's only seven plants in the United States that can recycle paper and I think that's the most ridiculous thing."

Supervisor Janoski, "That's right. And I have to give credit to Assemblyman Sweeney I think from Babylon who came to that meeting. Who absolutely said that what we did was we passed the laws and we abandoned you which is what happened and the State of New York could have done a number of things. One, if they wanted to in 1988 which they did, require recycling. That's the law. Then the could have, perhaps before passing that law, pass some legislation to encourage the development of that indus-

try in the State of New York. Industry that would recycle paper or metal or glass or whatever. But they didn't. And now the Town of Riverhead is paying \$32 a ton to remove newspaper from the town. Well, we're recycling. And when we get into complete recycling which is that every newspaper in the town will be recycled, it's going to cost a lot of money. Now, do you care when your taxes go up that we're paying \$32 a ton? I don't think so."

Florence Sykora, "Certainly. I don't want to pay another 4 or 5 or 6 or \$10 a month. Well, maybe we can see this is a good idea. Maybe we can sell it to Russia and maybe they can use it."

Supervisor Janoski, "Well, you know that's one of the interesting aspects of this and we should all go home. But most of the recycled paper that is coming out, is going to China and Taiwan."

Florence Sykora, "And they're putting it to good use. I think if there was probably a law or something made that people in the newspaper business would have to use the recycling paper, then we wouldn't have any trouble because we wouldn't have enough paper for them."

Supervisor Janoski, "Obviously, and this has been boiling inside me for some time but when he asked that question, I've been waiting for somebody to ask me this question. The fact that we, the ten towns of Suffolk, are trying to ban together to establish overseas markets for newspaper, paper recycling, is not something the ten towns of Suffolk County should be doing but we're doing it because there's a vacuum. But as far as the paper we use, we're still cutting down trees to produce that paper and that's not recycling."

Florence Sykora, "No. Well, that's the same way when we sold the junk to Japan and it came back at us."

Supervisor Janoski, "Well, they shot it back at us."

Florence Sykora, "That's right. Thank you."

Supervisor Janoski, "Florence, thank you and you have the last word. And without objection, this meeting is adjourned."

There being no further business on motion or vote, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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Irene J. Pendzick
Town Clerk